

8. A random number generating apparatus as claimed in Claim 6, wherein said apparatus further comprises custody means for keeping said encryption key in custody.

9. A random number generating apparatus as claimed in Claim 6, wherein said apparatus has said encryption block and is provided in an individual identification apparatus according to said digital image correlated to a subject picked up by said pick-up means stored in said storage means,

said individual identification apparatus performing an encryption of a plain text using said encryption key by said encryption block when a desired individual is identified.

10. A random number generating apparatus as claimed in Claim 9, wherein said subject is a fingerprint constituting a living body information.

11. A random number generating method comprising steps of
converting into a digital image a pick-up signal output from pick-up means
when no subject is present,

extracting a digital data from pixel values of a plurality of pixels in said digital image, and

